



Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear on film.

Sunday 4th May 2025

As we commemorate VE Day, let us also thank God for coming into our world to pay the price of our warring against Him, and trust Him, surrendering to Him as Lord and Saviour. Roger Carswell

Welcome to this week's e-news!

Links Youth fellowship restarts this week. Please consider supporting the Public service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. See below.

Would you like a pastoral chat sometime? Or to talk through questions of faith? Please contact Bert or Jonathan. Please let us know if you can help with Holiday Club this year.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. John 14:15 – 31 God's Helper for every Christian. The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

[Click here for Morning Worship](#)

6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan. 1 Peter 5: 1 – 7

'Elders and Young men'

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY 4th May

1pm-4pm Shire Hall “Open Piano” opening afternoon

MONDAY 5th May

7:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 6th May

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies’ Bible Study

10:30 – 11:30am Tuesday Coffee at ‘Claire and Bob’s Tea room’,

3:00pm Men’s Coffee – at Coffi Lab.

7:30pm Small group fellowship

WEDNESDAY 7th May

9.30 – 11:30am Footprints

THURSDAY 8th May

3:00pm Public Service at Monmouth Castle for VE 80th Anniversary

7:30pm Ladies’ Bible study

FRIDAY 9th May

7:30am Men’s Bible Breakfast, 8:00am for the study

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies’ Bible study

SATURDAY 10th May

3:00pm Serving Our Streets. Meet at MBC.

SUNDAY 11th May

10:30am Morning worship led by Bert. Proverbs 10 Two Ways to Live

Jonathan is at Norton.

6:30pm Evening worship led by Bert / Jonathan.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



A monthly course of encouragement for local preachers. 2nd Wednesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm On Zoom. For anyone involved in local preaching or interested in exploring Word ministry. The course will (mostly) run online, and is video based, with a manual, and covers the foundations of preaching and practical skills for faithful and fruitful ministry in the Word of God. There will be discussion, opportunity to pray for each other and a short home-study exercise each session. The group is open to men and women.

Please contact Jonathan to sign up, or for more

details monmbc@gmail.com 07737 500093

1Corinthians 9:16 "Woe to me if I do not preach the Good News."



HOLIDAY CLUB

Each morning from 11th to 15th August for primary age children.

Leaders and young leaders will be needed to run the club each morning.

Please let Jonathan know if you can help.

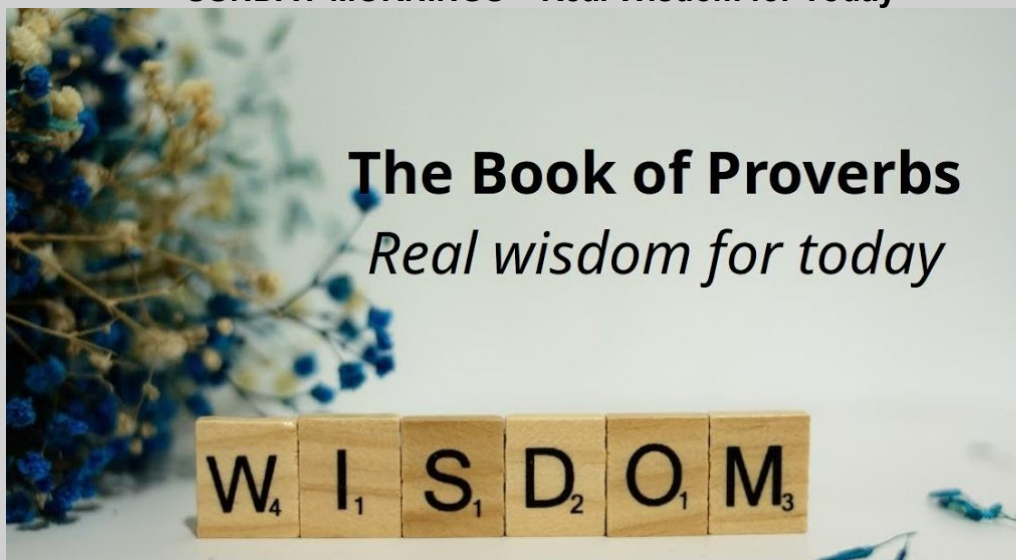
MONMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING and AGM

The next Church Meeting, which includes the AGM, is due to be held on Tuesday 13th May at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend but only members are able to vote.

This meeting will include the election of Church Secretary, Treasurer and Deacons. David Adams (Secretary); Clive Wiggins (Treasurer); Alan Cochran and Cliff Vandervelden (Deacons) are coming to the end of their terms of office; they have all been nominated for re-election. Please prayerfully consider this matter.

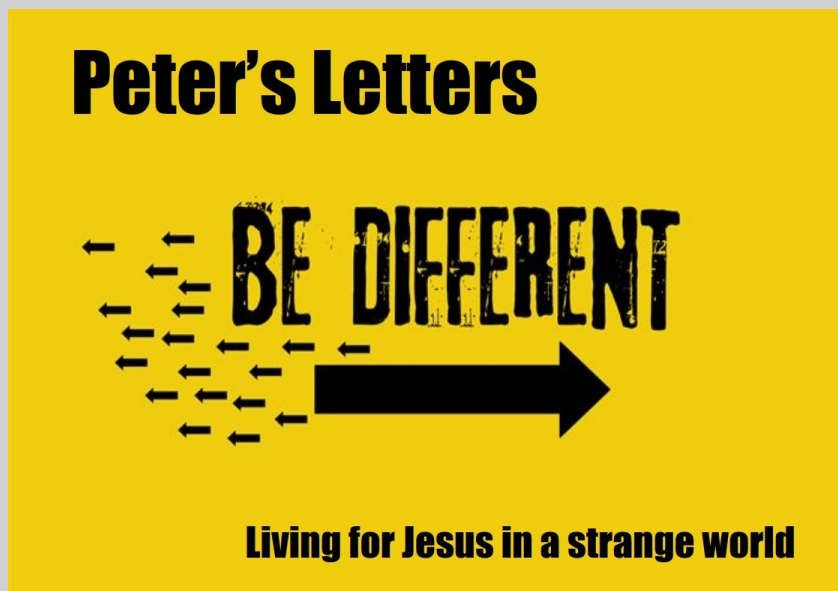
We will also be discussing and seeking to make a decision about the proposal to install solar panels and our need for someone to oversee the health and safety of the church. We will have updates about our support for mission agencies, and other matters affecting our church.

SUNDAY MORNINGS – Real Wisdom for Today



On May 11th, We resume our series listening to God from the book of Proverbs. God's Ancient Word – real wisdom for today!

Sunday Evenings – Be Different



This Spring we are looking at the letters of the Apostle Peter in our evening services. Peter shows us how to follow Jesus and live for him in a world that's going the other way.

FREE ALLOTMENT/VEGETABLE PLOT

Please contact Jonathan if you'd be interested in growing your own produce, rent free in a raised bed in an older couple's garden, based in Monmouth.



RAGLAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Community Day 2025

SATURDAY 10TH MAY

11.00 A.M. - 4.00 P.M.

FEATURING APRIL SHIPTON

Singer/songwriter

FREE Bouncy castle

FREE children's craft activities

Stalls for community groups and organisations

Community Café and BBQ

.....and more!

Save the date



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know if you would like the fellowship to pray for you. .

Pray for our young people revising and taking exams over the next few weeks (GCSE and A-Levels)

Pray for Young people, 1Peter 5 speaks of their needs and roles. Psalm 119:9 How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.

Pray for the Middle East and for a just peace in Ukraine.

Pray for the Raglan baptist Outreach next Saturday.

WORLD FOCUS

MAURITANIA

A demonstration, fuelled by anti-Christian rhetoric on social media, turned violent when a mob exhumed the body of a recently deceased Christian man. The tombstone was destroyed, and the corpse dragged through the streets before being reburied in a village 12 miles away!!

Leading up to the protest, threats against Christians circulated widely online, with some calling for homes to be burned. The following day, incitement continued as Christians were labelled “infidels” and “apostates”, with calls for their complete social exclusion. Local Christian leaders are facing growing isolation and hostility. This latest incident follows a wave of persecution in late 2023, when many church leaders and relatives were arrested. Though released in early 2024, they continue to suffer harassment, violence and displacement.

Pray:- Please pray for protection of the Christian community. Ask God to comfort the grieving family and give strength to leaders facing persecution. Pray for courage, wisdom, and for hearts to be changed among those inciting hatred.

Volunteering...

Food.gives are inviting people to come along for a volunteering day.....

June 2-6 – Volunteer Week: This week will be a fantastic opportunity for you to volunteer alongside us. We're also offering evening volunteering sessions.

If interested, please speak to Simon Beber.

Breakfast...

Barnabas Aid are delighted to invite you to “Barnabas Brekkie” at the Barnabas Aid office in Swindon! The “Barnabas Brekkie” is a way to hear about Barnabas Aid’s exciting new project to provide 1,000,000 chickens, 1,000,000 pigs and IT access to 1,000,000 Christians in need. So please join us on Saturday **10 May** 2025, from 9am until 11am at Unit 23, Ash Industrial Estate, Kembrey Park, Swindon SN2 8UN. Click this link, [Secure your spot](#) to let us know you are coming so that we can cater accordingly.

Simon Beber

SPORTS

All ages and abilities are welcome, including friends or people who aren’t regular visitors to the church. Some events need to be booked in advance.

Football - Jim Barker and James Endicott runs 5 a-side football sessions, currently weekly on a Friday at 7pm. We have a membership of 40 players, but there is room for more! If you are interested in joining, please speak to Jim or James to be added to the Football WhatsApp Group.

We have introduced Pickleball to the fellowship, which is an all-age (U3A-approved) racket sport, which we are playing indoors. All are welcome to join us. Pickleball's unique selling point is that it can be learned in minutes without extensive coaching. If you'd like to know more then please reach out to Sean Lawson.

Basketball – Please ask for details.

MBC GIVING

Thank you for your continued giving to the work of the Church. Please use the Monmouth Baptist Church details for direct giving: Sort code 20-00-85, Account number 10615668.

Also, if you are a taxpayer, we can arrange for Gift Aid to claim tax back.

You can also give online at www.give.net/monmouthbc.

There are boxes in the chapel for those who like to give in person.

Thank you again for giving to the Lord's work here.

If you know anyone in the fellowship in financial need, we may be able to help from our Assistance Fund. Please contact Jonathan.

And if you would like to contribute to the Assistance fund, please make your gift in a marked envelope, or online indicating "Assistance Fund".

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